

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would provide a method for biological parents and siblings to maintain contact and communication with adoptees following termination of parental rights. Some biological parents may be more willing to terminate parental rights if they have the ability to contact and communicate with an adoptee following termination of parental rights.

Similarly, minor children over the age of 12 may be more willing to consent to a prospective adoption if they have the ability to contact and communicate with siblings or biological former parents following termination of parental rights. Stability and permanency will not be negatively impacted. This legislation would only be applicable in those circumstances where a child is adopted out of the department's foster care system.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact in adopting this legislation.

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